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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

Parish School

St. Michael Catholic Academy 905-889-4816

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email: GoodShepherdTH@archtoronto.org website: goodshepherdth.archtoronto.org

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 14, 2024



Jan. 16th – Jan. 20th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. – Sau-Ha Chen †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. – Joseph & Elizabeth Cheung †

Thurs. Noon – Linda Power †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. – Daphne Chung †

Sat. 4:30 p.m. – Joanne Lasita †

READINGS FOR – January 21st

1st Reading: Jonah 3.1-5, 10

2nd Reading: 1 Corin. 7.29-31

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES



Please remember to pick up your box of envelopes. If you have not been assigned envelopes and wish to use them, please complete a request form.

Please print your name and address for the first few weeks so that we can update our records. Thank you.

PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

As a new year begins, we would like to encourage you to consider switching to the pre-authorized giving plan. If you are currently signed up and you would like to increase your donation for 2024, please contact the office. Information and Authorization forms are available in the foyer of the church.



2024 MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit or call the office to book mass intentions for 2024. The donation for an announced Mass is \$20.00. This Mass is offered at Good Shepherd, the intention is printed in the bulletin and also mentioned at the start of the dedicated weekday Mass and during the Prayers of the Faithful on the weekend. The donation for an unannounced Mass is \$10. This is a private Mass said offsite. Tax receipts are not issued for Mass offerings.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

“Look, here is the lamb of God!”

What does it mean to be a follower of the Lord Jesus? Surely to listen and hear his voice, and to go where he leads us. Today, as we enter the “ordinary” season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus’s life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: “Come and see.” This echoes the calling of Samuel - a simple call, by name, which Samuel does not understand: discipleship is about trust, which Samuel shows simply by saying “Speak, Lord; your servant is listening. It was a momentous event in the history of salvation. It was the beginning of a stream of vocations that would grow and spread down through the ages until the end of the world. It was momentous, firstly, in that Christ, who had come to open heaven for all men and who could find means of bringing them all to that eternal home without help from any man, decided instead to let men co-operate with him in this divine task. He decreed to set up a kingdom in this world—his Church—which would be run by mere mortals for their fellow-mortals, but which would be under his protection and assisted by his divine aid until the end of time. Christ chose this very human way, in order to make his Church more acceptable to our limited, human understanding and more approachable for sinful, human nature.

The church is called to evangelize, to grow disciples, which flows from our encounter and relationship, with Jesus. This begins with our very human care and concern for each other. These simple actions can be the grounding through which others share with us what they seek and we in turn share the Good News of Jesus’ saving action.



**GENTLE REMINDER
FIRST COMMUNION
CLASSES BEGIN ON
JANUARY 27TH
AT 9:00 A.M.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



CASSEROLE COLLECTION

Casserole trays and recipes will be handed out after Mass this weekend (Jan. 13th & 14th). You can also visit the office during business hours (Monday – Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm) to pick up pans. Frozen casseroles will be collected before each Mass on January 20th & 21st. Good Shepherd Ministries remain at the service of the poor and homeless of our city. Heartfelt thanks to those who have faithfully supported this program.

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM

The Knights are collecting “refundable” beer, wine, liquor bottles and pop cans this weekend (Jan. 14) which will be redeemed for wheelchairs for the needy. We thank you for your support of this project.



This is the last month (January 2024) that The Knights of Columbus will be accepting aluminum pop cans. Beginning in February, we will only be accepting wine and spirits bottles and aluminum cans from drinks that contain alcohol, such as beer cans. We thank you for your continued support of this project.

USED POSTAGE STAMPS FOR THE LEPROSY MISSION OF CANADA



Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission of Canada) is working towards global eradication of Leprosy. During the months of December and January, we are collecting used postage stamps, especially Christmas and international. The Leprosy Mission of Canada sells these stamps to collectors, using the monies collected for education, medicine and research. Please trim the stamps, leaving no less than ¼” and no more than ½” border. Deposit stamps in the bin on the welcome table in the foyer. Donation of stamp collections, first day covers or stamp sets are also very much appreciated. Thank you.



Celebration of Marriage Mass with Archbishop Francis Leo

Sunday, February 11, 2024

03:00 PM - 04:30 PM

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street)

As part of Marriage Sunday 2024 celebrations, Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2024. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew their marriage commitment during the Mass. All are welcome to attend. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ anniversaries in 2024 may register for reserved seating. Reserved seating is limited, so please register early. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who are unable to attend at the Cathedral are invited to join the celebration via livestream Mass.

Registration and other important information can be found at www.archtoronto.org/marriage.

CONTACT: formation@archtoronto.org 416-934-3400 ext. 523



JANUARY 20 AND 21

The Legion of Mary invite all to join them after each Mass for some light refreshments in the parish hall. A wonderful time to be in community, unite and welcome new parishioners.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY JANUARY 18 – 25 2024



The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered “neighbor”. In this pericope, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for charity, mercy, justice, and unity.

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